



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE

MISSION STATEMENT

Waverley Parish is a sign of God's love for all people. We welcome and care for all as a community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am followed by Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9:15am & 5:00pm.

Baptism: 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30am. Bookings essential.

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Follow our social media platforms to keep up to date with the latest news in the Parish.



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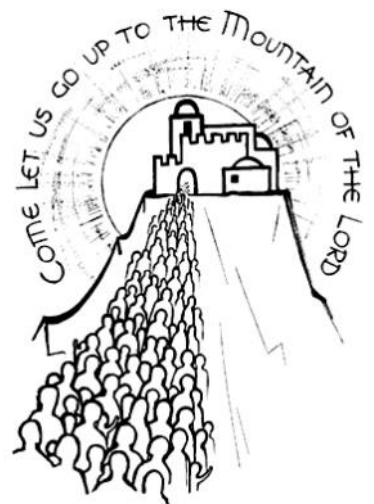
1st Sunday of Advent HOPE



REFLECTIONS

Advent opens with a great promise: "In the days to come..." the hope of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

@<https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent-1a>



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 December

NB: Normal Scheduled 9:15am Mass

5:00pm - Vigil Children's Family Mass
11:30pm - Carols Service followed by
12:00am - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Monday, 25 December

9:15am - Christmas Morning Mass

NB: No Evening Mass

Boxing Day - Tuesday, 26 December

9:15am - Normal Scheduled Mass

NB: No Evening Mass

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character (please no glitter)



"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."



LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE THE CANDLE OF HOPE

(A Person lights the First Candle here)

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands, we are the clay and he is the potter. (First Reading)

Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life

Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day (Second Reading)

Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You call us to "stay awake" and be prepared to meet you. (Gospel)

Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life

APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

CWBII 242

Come, O Come Emmanuel

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 232

Come, O long expected Jesus

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 251

Wait for the Lord

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64:1-8

You, O Lord, are our father; 'Our Redeemer from of old' is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit the vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

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May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

Lord let us turn to you and we will be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Michelle Byrne, Mike Newman, Jeff Linfoot, Rose Colombo, Anna Dziedzic, Robert Saunders, Margaret Ryan, Patricia Furner, Fr Nick Lucas, Michael Connery, Rosie & Lucy Warwar, Fr Tony Doherty, Hunter Meagher, Mavis Flynn, Mary Bentley, Catherine Roberts, Randolph Baral, Ruth Tarlinton, Nadia Monsieur, Adelina Murray, Iris Walshe-Howling, Ella Connery, Thomas Glenister, John Baltazar, Mario Jamora, Vivien Dorko, Peter Howard, Ken Smith, Peter Timmins & Denise O'Flanagan.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Raymond Malouf (4/12), Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Josue Martins (8/12), Maria Abruzzese (8/12), Elizabeth Morrison (12/12).

Those recently deceased: Paul Gough (12/11), John Bede Dowd (15/11), Margaret Roper (24/11)

WEEKDAY READINGS

- 4 Dec** Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 8:5-11
- 5 Dec** Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24
- 6 Dec** Isaiah 25:6-10
Matthew 15:29-37
- 7 Dec** Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- 8 Dec** Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Luke 1:26-38
- 9 Dec** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 146:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

MAILING LIST

Do you wish to receive this bulletin via email each week? Any updates from Fr Bernie or events in the Parish will also be announced via our Friday Parish News email. Scan this QR code or visit: <http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr> to register.



WISH TO DONATE, NO CASH?

If you wish to donate for candles or 1st & 2nd Collections, you can do so with our Smart Terminals available in the church. The terminal at St Anthony's for Candles only, and the other on the back table near the glass dividers for Collections only. These terminals are NOT for Planned Giving.

If you wish to donate online, we are also pleased to offer this option by visiting our donation page. Scan this QR code to view options.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: Because we believe God will come to our help. We present our prayers:

For the leaders of our church: that during this time of Advent they will follow the example of St Paul to be grateful for how we have been enriched through the graces we have received through Jesus.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

For the leaders of the world: that during this time they may stress the importance of unity and love for one another, especially those countries at war.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

For those who are burdened and suffering, especially those who have lost hope and find no meaning in their lives: may the caring hands that support them show the evidence of God's love.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

For a clearer understanding of the meaning of the incarnation: may our hearts be encouraged to bring this message of hope into the lives of all whom we meet during this time of Advent.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

For all the families of our parish: may the Advent Season be for us a time of special closeness and peace.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

For those who have died for those who mourn at this time of the year: may they be filled with love and hope.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray together: Gracious God, we ask your special nearness to us always as we continue on our life's journey and await the coming of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

NEWS & NOTICES

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm every Monday evening except Public Holidays. The last gathering for 2023 is 11 December and will resume on 12 February 2024. For more info, please call Trisha on 0405 516 972.

DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN

The Devotional Shop is open after the Sat vigil and Sun 9:15am Mass. Franciscan Calendars are available \$10ea and God's Word 2024 at \$24ea. Christmas cards from \$8.00 /pc 8 or \$1.50ea. Small Nativity sets / books are available too. Don't miss out!

HOUSE OF WELCOME

Support House of Welcome by bringing something to add to the baskets this weekend or 9/10 Dec.

Non-Food Items: (NO CLOTHES PLEASE) OR Non-Perishable Food Items. Food vouchers are also great. Pick up available. Call or SMS - 0421 745 612. Thank you for your support!



COFFEE CART AFTER 9:15AM MASS

Join us for a freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate on **Sunday 10 December after 9:15am Mass.** A chance for Waverley Parish Community to get to know each other better. Look for the coffee van and baristas next to the big lawn. This is a trial, so help make this a hit and ensure there will be many more to come!

ROSTER

2 - 3 DECEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Eloise Linfoot & Maria Ner	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Anna Maratta & Lucy Bjorngaard	Veralene Lobo, Margaret Kelly Francine Darvill & Gisella Musumeci	Laura Neeson & Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY		Genevieve Roberts & John	Chloe Neeson
POWERPOINT OPS		Victor Voros	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	-	Guilia Tolomeo & Nick Jeha	-

LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

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W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>

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REC: Mrs Jessica Keeley

Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

St Clare's College, Waverley

41-51 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

P (02) 8305 7100

W <https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/>

School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

REC: Mr Mark McCoy

Waverley College, Senior Campus

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

P (02) 9369 0600

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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie

Dir of Identity & Student Formation:

Ms Suzanne Walsh

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44 Henrietta Street, Waverley 2024

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Director of Junior School (Acting):

Ms Gabrielle Bransby

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SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

Waverley Parish, as part of the Archdiocese of Sydney, is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well being and dignity of all children, and acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those children. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

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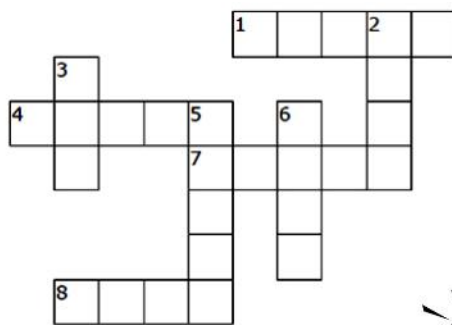
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KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

- The time of day when it is dark
- To keep an eye on; to guard
- The person who has something such as property
- A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- A period of sixty minutes
- A period of 24 hours
- The place where a person or family lives
- To have information about something; to be aware of something

TIME	OWNER
KNOW	HOUSE
WATCH	HOUR
DAY	NIGHT



**Christian
Meditation
Group**
Monday 5:30pm
Parish Centre

**FAITH
HOPE
LOVE**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Every Sunday
9:15am Mass
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**ST CHARLES'
PLAYGROUP**

WEDNESDAYS
DURING SCHOOL
TERM ONLY

**Mothers'
Prayer
Group**
1st wednesday
of month 7:30pm